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1. DR. HUGO PORTISCH, WELL-KNOWN AUSTRIAN TELEVISION COMMENTATOR, HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY AUSTRIAN RADIO/TV TO DO THREE-PART COLOR TV SERIES, BOOK (TO BE PUBLISHED BY MOLDEN) ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF US ABM SYSTEM. PORTISCH IS WELL KNOWN TO STATE, DEFENSE AND USIA AS EXTREMELY SYMPATHETIC EXPONENT OF US POLICIES AND HAS WIDE AUDIENCE IN AUSTRIA AND DEEP INTO SOVIET BLOC.

2. COUNTRY TEAM STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT DOD, DEPARTMENT AND USIA FULLY ASSIST PORTISCH IN WHAT MAY BE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT POSITIVE ASPECTS OF US PROGRAM TO ABOVE-CITED AUDIENCE AS WELL AS POSSIBLE TV PICKUPS IN FRG AND SWITZERLAND. (CREDIBILITY, OF COURSE, GREATLY ENHANCED BY FACT THAT PORTISCH WOULD BE REPORTING FROM NEUTRAL AUSTRIA.)

3. AS PORTISCH HAS OUTLINED PROJECT, IT FALLS INTO THREE MAIN CATEGORIES:

(A) TECHNOLOGY: PRESENT STATE OF MISSILE DEFENSE. DOES ABM CALL FOR NEW WEAPONRY? WILL ABM INTRODUCE TECHNOLOGY AND/OR HAVE SPIN-OFF BENEFITS FOR PEACEFUL USES?

(B) STRATEGY: WHAT IS STRATEGIC THINKING BEHIND PRESENT MISSILE DEFENSE-DETERRENT, EQUILIBRIUM OF POWER? WILL ABM CHANGE STRATEGIC CONCEPTS?

(C) POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY: WHAT HAPPENS TO CONGRESSIONAL ADVICE AND CONSENT, HUMAN ELEMENT IN GENERAL IN VIEW OF INSTANT

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DECISION-MAKING REQUIRED BY ABM SYSTEM? WHAT ARE PROSPECTS OF THIS ASPECT, IMMENSE EXPENDITURES INVOLVED BRINGING US, SOVIETS TO CONFERENCE TABLE?

3. IN ORDER TO DO TV SERIES/BOOK PORTISCH WILL HAVE TO SEE TOP EXPERTS IN FIELDS MENTIONED ABOVE, BE GIVEN THOROUGH TOUR OF UNCLASSIFIED INSTALLATIONS, BE PERMITTED TO FILM WHEREEVER POSSIBLE.

4. TIME IS OF ESSENCE. PORTISCH'S TIGHT SCHEDULE PERMITS HIM ONLY THREE WEEKS IN US STARTING LATE APRIL. URGE THIS REQUEST BE GIVEN FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AND THAT A DETAILED PROGRAM BE WORKED OUT FOR HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MACARTHUR

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